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In re: Application of HAERMEYER, Thomas, et al.

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For: CONTAINER FOR A PRESSURIZED BEVERAGE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**Introductory Statement**

Applicant submits this preliminary amendment upon commencement of a continuation of application SN 09/254,618, filed October 20, 1999, which will be abandoned after commencement of this continuation. This amendment seeks to comply with the Revised Format for Amendments. Please enter this amendment before commencing examination. The amendment contains:

- Amendment to Specification, 9 sheets (pages 2-10 hereof), including insertion of an Abstract on page 10;
- Amendment to the Claims, 7 sheets (pages 11-17), canceling claims 1-16 and adding new claims 16-39;
- Amended Drawings, 3 sheets (with re-labeled figure numbers, as presented in the parent application)
- Remarks, commencing on page 18